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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Keiji YAMAMOTO, *et al.*

Application No. 10/682,025

Filed: October 10, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND
METHOD

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) Confirmation No.: 8009

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) Group Art Unit: 2852

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) Examiner: S. Chen

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) **Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment responding to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated May 20, 2005.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☒ Submission of Replacement Drawings with 12 sheets of formal drawings.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Others

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ 0.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

☐ An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	14	minus	20	0	x \$50 each=	+ \$
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	4	minus	4	0	x \$200 each=	+ \$
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$
SUB-TOTAL =						\$
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ 0.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2005, transmitted herewith are twelve (12) sheets of replacement formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding replacement sheets filed April 21, 2005.

In FIG. 11, Step S402, the equation " $C < C_s$?" has been amended to read as " $D < D_s$ ", in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

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